

CONGRESS OF THE AMERICAS.

DUTIES OF OUR STATESMEN, IN CABINET
AND IN CONGRESS.

The Panama Canal a Menace to American Security—"Progress of Events" on the Isthmus—A Grand and Tragical Drama.

In his speech in favor of the passage of Senator Frye's bill to provide for the assembling in Washington city of a congress of American nations, Senator Whittorae, of Tennessee, stated in forcible terms his reasons for advocating this measure, which, in his judgment, embraces vital and important questions. Having arrayed a mass of

statistical facts, reckoned the great amount of our agricultural and manufacturing products, and considered the tremendous increase in our population and the urgent demands of our vast industrial wealth for commercial outlets, Senator Whitthorne said:

We are brought directly and immediately to the conclusion that our domestic legislation and our foreign diplomacy should, nay, must, become responsive to the demands and needs

The American statesman should not only look to the growth of the trade and power of his own country, but also to that of our competitors and customers. * * * In so doing, no timidity should mark his action or subservient deference to the equality of his slave-masters control his conduct.

rights and interests of his own country, he should dare maintain them. "It is an accepted axiom that the extension of commerce by any country attests alike its intelligence, wealth, and progress. When, therefore, the American statesman studies the growth and development of his country in its industries, trade and commerce, and reflects that in the logic of all history it is attested that in the race of intelligence

Indefinite and wealth there is "no peace" here. If faithful to the trust of his position, take such steps as will promote and secure this growth and development.

Indeed, Mr. President, the present status of our domestic trade and foreign commerce, as well as the products of our farms, our fields, our mines, and manufactures, all demand this thought and attention upon the part of our statesmen, no matter whether their sphere of

Have the great body of the people of this country, Mr. President, studied the logic of the movements of the great powers of Europe in their efforts to secure territory by "colonization" in all quarters of the globe? * * * It is well that the whole idea of federation of states and communities having contiguity of territory, mutuality of interests, and harmony

of institutions should be considered by the states and statesmen of the American continent. They should not, cannot, unless false to their idea of republican forms of government, be indifferent to the growth of "colonization" and "lederation" by the great commercial powers of the world. * * * And, not content with these measures, European diplomacy and capital seek in the building of the isthmus canal to "head off" the efforts and enterprises

of American citizens, and to place a limit to American power and American progress. Is it not singular, Mr. President, that a stupendous undertaking, and one so likely to affect seriously the commerce, if not the peace, of the United States, as the building of an interoceanic canal by European capital and European enterprise under a European charter—and this project inaugurated and promoted by those who for

dreams of the family (Napoleon's), dreamed of a Latin empire on this continent—should apparently have arrested so little attention upon the part of those charged with the conduct of our foreign relations? Who that studies a moment does not see that, in a military and naval point of view, it will become necessary upon the completion of such a canal that the United States should increase its naval armament and

Should not this fact, or probability of it, induce the United States, if not other American states, to regard the construction of such a canal as a menace to their power and security?

*** Creating, as such a canal will, an artificial Bosphorus, around which will be diplomatics and war are to repeat their historical false and bloody roles, making "armed peace" a necessity on this continent, it is probable

...surprise that the American republic-
lies, and especially this government, should
have been and are apparently so indifferent to
the "progress of events" on the isthmus. And
not the miniature scenes of the last summer on
that isthmus to be repeated, and to swell into
the dimensions of a grand and tragic drama.
* * * Certainly those who are building
are not guided alone by effusive sentimentality.
The people of the United States should not

and before our eyes, the French capital—the building of the isthmian canal—to inquire if these be not yet the motives which induce the Frenchmen to enlist in the work.

the present and future commerce of the states in South America, the islands of the Pacific, and the countries bounded by its waters, in all of which "the balance sheet of trade" shows us occupying an inferior position. "American progress will not tolerate an abandonment of this struggle. Can it be won by domestic protective tariffs? Can it be gained and held by subsidized ships

Without arguing either upon the present or occasion, I content myself with saying the neither, in my opinion, would prove efficacious and satisfactory. Either one would promulgate and furtive, *ultra* diplomacy had first entered the field and secured respect and protection for American capital and enterprise.

The executive department should in its office obtain the friendship, good will, and kindly disposition of the countries with whom commercial intercourse and trade development is sought. * * * And beyond all this let the American citizen know and recognize that wherever the honest pursuit of his business may call him he carries with him the assurance that all the power of his government

will see that "wherever it is desired to open markets for our surplus wealth we shall find volunteer pioneers for our trade and willing missionaries of our commerce." It is because we have not been willing to incur hardships for the protection of our citizens who may have the courage to embark capital and labor in commercial enterprises in foreign countries and prompt to give them relief when oppressed.

against us. Let the executive department of this government do its duty in this regard as the people and their Congress will not be slow to support such an administration. * * * The shadow of Wall street, with the timidity and selfishness of its capital, cannot long dictate either the law or the limit of American progress.

TO START A YACHT CLUB.

To Compete With Other Clubs for Prizes and Superiority.

Commodore Charlie Godfrey, of the E. Treadwell, will this week make an effort to start a yacht club. Mr. Godfrey was out

last night about the project and what we the prospects. He said:

"I've been thinking of organizing a yacht club, and on Friday evening next there will meet in my parlors on Thirteenth street some fifty gentlemen who are interested in yachts and their development. A large

number of gentlemen in this city of yachts, but what I want is to see a general yacht club, formed something like the ones they have in other cities. I feel confident that Friday's meeting will give a healthy impetus to the movement. I propose that we give races on the Potomac and have as prizes cups and other

tropics that will be worth trying for, a also challenge yachts of Baltimore, Philadelphia, Norfolk, and other close points. don't see why Washington can't have yacht club the same as Baltimore or Philadelphia. Friday night will settle the question, and I believe the verdict will be in favor of the club."

Colonial Beach.

Colonial Beach has undergone extensive improvements during the past few weeks. The resort has been put in first-class order. The hotel has been thoroughly renovated and enlarged. Messrs. Rosent & Rubins, the proprietors, are determined that the place

not lack in the way of accommodations and facilities for excursionists and guests, cutting good meals, salt-water bathing, fishing and crabbing. A splendid livery has been added to the hotel. The steamer Arrowhead makes daily trips to the beach. Other steamers also touch there.

INCHBURG, VA., June 23.—Answers to inquiries by the *Daily Advance* throughout southwest Virginia report unprecedented wheat and fruit crops. Harvest has commenced.